

## BoG stifles students

by Kenneth King

Demonstrators dropped by the Board of Governors meeting last Monday, despite threats of expulsion by the administration. But McGill governors slipped out and met in secret to pass principal David Johnston's motion to nearly double tuition fees.

Members of McGill's Coalition Against the Privatization of Education (CAPE) disrupted the meeting after the board unanimously voted down a motion by Students' Society president Santo Manna to temporarily table the tuition discussion.

The ten protestors then stood to read a statement of principles, while a crowd of supporters demonstrated outside the building, shouting loud enough to be heard in the board's sixth-floor chambers.

They demanded the board postpone the fee hike decision until student groups are able to discuss the underfunding issue with Québec education minister Claude Ryan.

At that point, chair Hugh Hallward announced a 10-minute 'adjournment'. While demonstrators plotted their next move, the board reconvened in a closed session and passed the motion to hike fees by \$385 next year.

CAPE members said the board's actions were undemocratic.

"We conducted ourselves in a manner which I think couldn't be faulted," said CAPE spokesperson Paula Gunn. "Board members were the ones who wouldn't allow discussion."

When the board rushed out of the room, the demonstrators were at a loss. "This was the one contingency we hadn't planned on," Gunn said. "We were afraid to leave the room in case we couldn't get back in when they reconvened."

While leaving the room, students were blocked by a man who identified himself as a police officer. They later discovered he was from McGill security. The man refused to tell reporters his instructions from the Administration.

A pregnant CBC reporter covering the event complained McGill security had mistreated her, refusing to allow her to bring a tape recorder into the meeting and roughing her up a bit to emphasize the point.

### "Targeted for expulsion"

CAPE members were angry that the board was raising tuition fees during reading week, when few students were on campus to protest. According to Gunn, the university also used threats of expulsion to minimize the size of the protest.

"There would have been a lot more people there if that threat hadn't been present," she said.



University spokesperson Jean-Pierre Morin confirmed students disrupting board of governors meetings can be expelled by the university.

Students' Society, which had originally supported the action, decided to pull out of the action at the last minute after the university

called to tell them Society executives would be targeted for expulsion.

Morin said McGill's student council knew about the possibility of expulsion. "They might have been reminded by the dean of students or the principal, but they cer-

tainly knew before," he said.

Gunn said the university is denying students the right to freedom of speech. "Our Students' Society was cornered into backing out," she said. "The threat of expelling students for civil disobedience is out of line."

Students across Quebec will be hit with the province's first tuition increase in 20 years next fall. The province's two student federations are teaming up to stage an unlimited province-wide strike to force the government to back down, tentatively starting Feb. 27.

## Budget axe chops education

by Linda Gyulai

Education has been dealt yet another blow by Michael Wilson's program-slashing axe. The federal budget, released February 20, means cuts to education that may force tuition fees up even further and threaten the quality of education.

Wilson's budget will cut transfer payments to the provinces for post-secondary education and health by \$2.5 billion over the next two years. Québec will suffer a \$220 million cut in payments next year, and \$600 million over the next two years.

"Wilson's budget is an attack on the poor provinces, students, and the future of Canada," New Democratic Party post-secondary education critic Chris Axworthy told Canadian University Press (CUP).

McGill Students' Society VP External John Fox agrees. "It's a disaster for post-secondary education in Canada," he said.

The cut means about \$75 million in lost post-secondary spending and \$145 million lost for health next year.

The Québec government announced a tuition fee hike of \$350 this year and the next. Jeff Begley,

VP of l'Association nationale des étudiantes et étudiants du Québec, expects further increases after next year due to Ottawa's latest budget scheme.

"Once it starts there's no stopping," he said.

Begley said Québec can now pass the buck to Ottawa for the tuition hike.

Canadian Federation of Students chair Jane Arnold told CUP,

## SSMU finks

by Stephane St-Onge

McGill's Students' Society may leave students taking drastic measures to block the tuition fee hike out in the cold.

The Society executive voted at an emergency meeting February 15 to withdraw their support of students' decision to barricade the entrance to the McGill Administration building — reversing a General Assembly motion from two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, McGill students have called for a second Assembly — to be held on March 5 — to discuss the fee increase. McGill

"There's no way the provinces are going to raise taxes to make up for the cuts. And as fees skyrocket, we'll see a decrease in accessibility."

### Miserly Mr Wilson

Québec Finance department official Jean-Guy Lebel said, "It puts us in trouble but the \$220 million is not a large amount of money in the Québec budget."

Accumulated cuts in transfer payments since 1986 amount to \$1.1 billion, including last week's reduction. Québec's entire post-secondary education budget is \$3 billion.

"It's not the first time they've cut transfer payments to provinces," Lebel said. He refused to say if Québec would raise tuition fees even further after the Wilson

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Nominations require a proposer, a seconder and 20 other signatures from members of the DPS along with printed names and student numbers.

**Typed Pensketches** (of 100 words or less) must be submitted by 16h30, Tuesday, February 27, 1990. Nominations close 17h00, February 19, 1990. Extended nominations open February 20, 1990 and close 16h30, February 27, 1990.

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# Concordia paper evicted

by Dave McCullough

The Concordia Link has been advised by Concordia's student association to vacate its offices "as soon as possible," due to a "space problem." The order follows an earlier decision by the association giving *The Link* only six days to leave the Hall Building offices they have occupied for a decade.

Link Canadian University Press (CUP) co-ordinator Ita Kendall suggested the order by Concordia University Student Association (CUSA) is an attack on the freedom of the press because the move would be too great a financial burden for *The Link*, a non-profit paper autonomous of CUSA.

"If we can't publish then obviously we are not free to express our views," Kendall said. "We are a communication service for the Concordia community and if CUSA makes it difficult for us to publish then they are denying this service from the university population."

But according to CUSA co-president Shawn O'Hara, moving *The Link* would be only in its own best interest. "The Link should be further away from CUSA."

Still, O'Hara said, "We have no intention to shut down *The Link*."

CUSA co-president Melodie Sullivan said the intention is to open space for academic clubs in the building.

"The executives all feel the space should be more appropriately distributed," Sullivan said. "It's the best solution to solve our space problem."

CUSA offered *The Link* an office badly in need of repairs next door to the Hall Building. Kendall calls this space inadequate for the paper's needs. It needs an improved ventilation system, electrical re-wiring, a darkroom, and access for the physically challenged.

"Because it is on the third floor, the physically challenged have no access to the offices, which is against both *The Link*'s and CUP's statement of principles," said Kendall.

McGill Students' Society proposed a plan in January which may force autonomous students' groups out of the Union Building — CKUT, Legal Aid, QPIRG and *The Daily* may soon have to rent their offices at commercial rates.



## Le journal étudiant de l'UQAM est saisi

Alan Bowman

La semaine dernière, l'exécutif de l'Association Générale des Étudiants et Étudiantes de l'Université du Québec à Montréal (AGEUQAM) a retenu le journal *Unité* parce qu'il s'opposait à son contenu.

Cette saisie a été suivie de la démission du comité d'information, organisme responsable de la production et du contenu du journal.

L'exécutif de l'AGEUQAM a agi ainsi pour se dissocier du contenu du journal; résolution qu'il a fait entériner par la Plénière intermodulaire (PIM). A la PIM, toutes les associations membres de l'AGEUQAM sont représentées, et c'est cette instance qui élit les membres du comité d'information.

Cette action, qui constitue un précédent dans l'histoire de *Unité*, a été causée principalement par un article de Charles Benoit, intitulé « Appel de sc. humaines, arts et lettres à une assemblée générale de l'UQAM: Sciences et gestion

hésitent à se mouiller ». Cet article faisait état de la présence d'un fort mouvement anti-grève chez les étudiants en sciences de la gestion. Il notait également les problèmes auxquels semble faire face l'AGEUQAM, alors qu'elle essaie de convaincre toutes les autres associations de l'UQAM de faire front commun et de participer à la grève contre le dégel des frais de scolarité. L'AGEUQAM ne représente qu'environ la moitié des étudiants de l'UQAM.

L'AGEUQAM affirme que cet article, ainsi que d'autres articles dans le même numéro, ne mentionnent pas les nombreux efforts qu'ils ont faits afin de mobiliser tous les étudiants de l'UQAM. L'association estime que « les procès d'intention non fondés, la couverture biaisée de la mobilisation étudiante, la facture du journal (...) ne reflète pas l'unité du mouvement qui est absolument nécessaire dans la lutte contre le dégel des frais de scolarité ».

M. André Gagnon, de l'exécutif de l'AGEUQAM, a affirmé en conférence de presse que le comité d'information démis ne laissait pas la place à l'expression de toutes les opinions. Il a de plus affirmé que ce comité était un « vase clos », et que « la concentration de faiblesses » de ce numéro était la « goutte qui avait fait déborder le vase ». Cela a forcé la retenue du journal pour quelques jours, le temps de soumettre à la PIM une proposition d'inclure une note, pour dire que l'association se dissociait du contenu du journal. Cette proposition a été acceptée par la PIM.

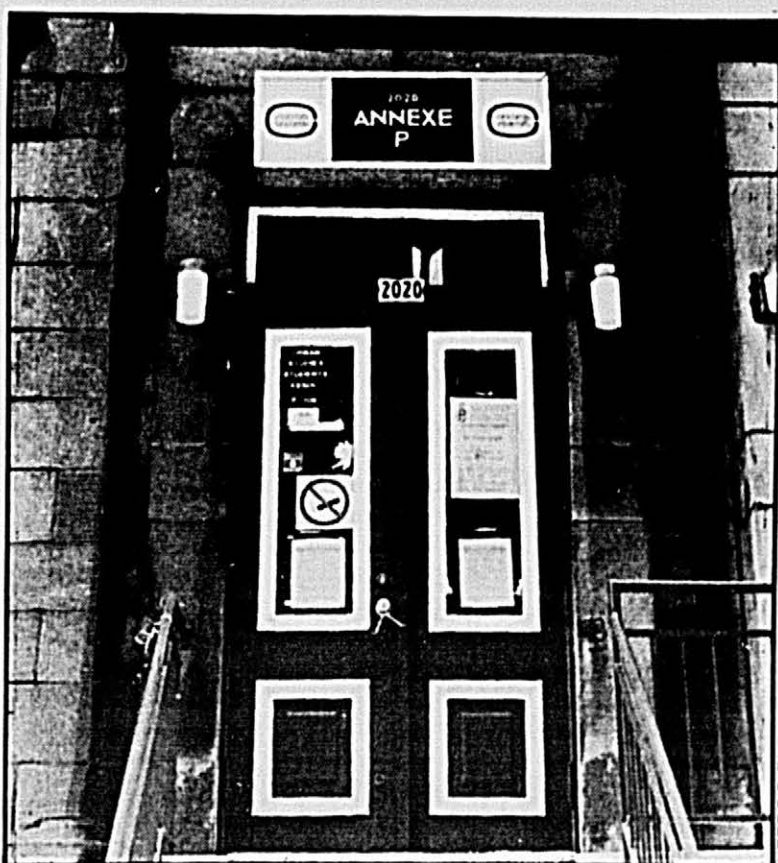
En plus de ce qu'elle perçoit comme étant des erreurs factuelles, l'AGEUQAM reproche au comité le manque de débats dans *Unité*,

donc l'omniprésence d'un seul point de vue. De plus, on accuse ce comité de ne pas faire de recrutement, et de limiter la participation au journal, en créant une atmosphère peu propice à la chose. Cependant, M. Benoit Kelly, responsable à l'information pour l'exécutif de l'AGEUQAM, nous a assuré qu'aucun article n'a jamais été coupé pour son contenu par l'ancien comité d'information.

Les membres de l'ex-comité d'information acceptent une autre vision des choses. Ils n'hésitent pas à accuser l'AGEUQAM de censure, et de ne vouloir montrer qu'un côté de la médaille. Ce qu'ils ont voulu dire dans leurs articles, c'est que les politiques de l'AGEUQAM, qui tente d'avoir l'unanimité sur le campus, sont vouées à l'échec. Des associations traditionnellement moins militantes pourraient facilement vouloir faire des compromis sur la question du dégel, et les politiques unanimes de l'AGEUQAM pourraient se retourner contre elle.

Dans une lettre distribuée vendredi dernier, sept membres de l'ex-comité d'information, ou ex-collaborateurs de *Unité*, affirmaient que « plusieurs organisations étudiantes ont en effet choisi de se déclarer contre le dégel des frais de scolarité et pour la mobilisation étudiante essentiellement pour ne pas se faire exclure du débat. On peut bien tenter de se convaincre et de convaincre qu'elles seront avec nous dans la lutte et jusqu'au bout, sauf que c'est faux. (...) C'est cela que nous avons laissé entendre dans les pages de *Unité*. »

Selon l'ex-comité d'information, c'est pour avoir exprimé cette opinion qu'il a été muselé par l'AGEUQAM.



Above right: the Link's home now. Above: the dungeon to which Concordia students' council is sentencing the Link.

## Autonomy for Bishops paper

by Dave McCullough

Bishop's student paper *The Campus* won autonomy from the university's students' society in a referendum recently, following conflict over editorial content between the paper's staff and the Society.

*The Campus* sought autonomy, which they obtained February 15 after the conflict led to an unconstitutional impeachment of the paper's editor by the Student Representative Council (SRC) last month.

The majority of the paper's staff immediately resigned in support of

editor Elliot Soifer. They have been publishing an underground newspaper since the incident.

Soifer stressed the importance of autonomy for student papers.

"There seems to be a conflict of interest when the student government is acting as publisher of the school paper and, to a certain extent, controlling the distribution of information," he said.

Voter turnout was higher than expected among the Lennoxville university's 1600 students — 510 students voted in favour of autonomy, while only 99 students opposed the motion.

Said SRC President Dean French, "I've always said that it is the ultimate goal of any student newspaper to be financially and editorially autonomous."

The referendum followed controversy over an article in a SRC information pamphlet that many students condemned as anti-French.

The Canadian University Press, of which *The Campus* and *The Daily* are members, encourages member papers to seek as much autonomy from financial control by student governments as possible, since this jeopardizes freedom of the press.



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## On our knees for Israel's "peace plan"

The Reagan decade saw the media become quite the ass — if this was at all uncertain, the media's miserable state is obvious from its grotesque coverage of the Israeli "peace process."

After the PLO's well-publicized peace overtures last winter, massive international pressure forced the U.S. into meeting PLO representatives and pushing Israel to initiate a plan for peace in the Middle East.

Nothing came from either move except more swill from the Fourth Estate — the media scrambled after the U.S. and Israeli governments in a classic effort of damage control.

The public's attention was diverted to the "peace plan" and away from the continuing repression in the Occupied Territories, in which hundreds of Arab teenagers were killed and thousands arrested, often without trial.

But despite the media's usual knee-bending to whatever "peace plan" the two governments are backing at the time, few of the plans are ever soberly scrutinized, including the current one.

Typical media descriptions of Israeli peace plans paint Israel as a flower of Ghandi-like flexibility and Palestinians as overheated no-sayers.

The current plan was rendered thusly in the *Gazette* last fall: "The Israelis have offered to hold elections in the territories and to begin direct negotiations with the representatives who are elected."

"(Israeli prime minister Yitzhak) Shamir has rejected the notion of an Israeli withdrawal from the territories and speaks instead of limited self-rule for the Palestinians who live there."

The abrupt Palestinian retort to Shamir's offer is, on the other hand, summarized in the article's ominous last paragraph: "The Palestinian Liberation Organization has refused Israel's offer for elections."

Left at that, the coverage is highly suspect — much is left unsaid, although it should be noted that even this article is unusually generous in its "scrutiny" of the peace plan.

The article's assumption is that the offer of elections must be a Good Thing, a frequent assumption in the media when the elections in question are being held by Our Side, like El Salvador.

Without knowing the content or context of the Israeli election offer, the public will assume the PLO is being intransigent. Still, one may imagine the following rendition of affairs in South Africa: "de Klerk has rejected the notion of South African withdrawal from apartheid and speaks instead of limited participation in *bantustan* politics for Blacks... The ANC has refused South Africa's offer of elections."

In the finest tradition of doublespeak, the real picture in Israel is quite different from the media's; it is in fact its opposite. Palestinians have long been flexible, while the entire spectrum of mainstream opinion in Israel and the U.S. is opposed to Palestinian self-determination — the same right the U.S. proclaims for East Europeans.

The PLO first accepted Israeli territorial integrity in 1976, and has done so publicly many times since then. In 1977, the PLO officially abandoned the Palestinian National Covenant, long treasured by Israeli rejectionists as proof of Palestinian intransigence. The famous Covenant, incidentally, holds a rejectionist view comparable to that still held by the mainstream in Israel and the U.S.

The current "peace plan" has little to do with peace. It explicitly rules out a Palestinian state in the Occupied Territories. Israel also prohibits virtually all Palestinian leaders from running in the elections of Palestinian political representatives — PLO members and some 1500 Palestinians deported from the Territories from running in the elections.

"There will be no change," maintains the plan, "in the status of the Occupied Territories other than in accordance with the basic guidelines of the Government."

While the media points eagerly to elections and "direct negotiations" with elected Palestinians, no one asks the obvious question: What would they negotiate? Democracy? Or the building code in Ramallah?

Alex Roslin



## Administration laid bare

An open letter to the McGill Community:

When we, a group of McGill students, disrupted last Monday's Board of Governors meeting, we were shown the depths of our administration's fear of student power.

Our demand was simple: to defer the decision on fee hikes until Québec students could adequately participate in debate. We read our statement of principles and distributed literature among the governors. We treated them with perfect civility and respect.

They treated us as though we did not exist. While students shouted protests outside, they feigned deafness, debating the wording of irrelevant motions. Their response to our action was to scurry out of the room, pretending they'd recessed, and then to violate proper conduct by reconvening behind locked doors on another floor of the building.

A McGill security official, claiming to be a city police officer, tried to bar us from following. We rushed to the doors demanding our right to enter and speak to the meeting. We all had official tickets licensing us to attend, but the Board of Governors had isolated themselves inside, passing Principal Johnston's motion to nearly double tuition fees.

From our experience last week, we have learned more about our university administration than we can keep to ourselves. We have watched corporate lawyers, some clutching "the Student Code of Conduct," slip past students asking for freedom of speech, into cadillacs and limousines. We have seen how little their meetings and motions have to do with education.

McGill administrators have refused to accept students as integral to the tuition debate. They have shown that they are prepared to work with a secret agenda in order to silence us — a deserted campus and a student population away on Study Break, an unannounced room change, threats of expulsion from school, and 'police' force.

We would like to remind the men and women of the board what happens when students' rights to assemble and express their views are violated. We look with more scrutiny at the power structures of our university, how decisions are made and by whom. The tuition issue has helped to underline this administration's willful exclusion of the student voice from crucial decision-making.

Last Monday ten people interrupted what they believed was an unfair process, fully prepared to accept both expulsion from university and police arrest. If McGill administrators intend to continue their current method of government, they must be prepared to see these numbers grow.

The members of CAPE who attended last Monday's Board of Governors meeting

## Profs opposing fee hikes

To the McGill community:

We, the undersigned, while deploring underfunding of university education in Québec and especially at McGill, are opposed to the raising of university tuition fees as announced by the Québec government.

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## More thoughts via Via

To the Daily:

I would like to add my signature to Peter Feldstein's letter (Daily, Feb 7), which commented on Kurt Mang's letter on carl p wilson iii's criticism of Via Rail cuts. As an advocate of rail for travel and freight (instead of super freeways), I welcome such support for Via Rail. I totally agree with wilson and Feldstein on the benefits, virtues and comforts of rail and that any lack of comfort or reliability in the system is largely due to federal neglect of the rail system and a misdirected transport policy which favours air and highways.

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## by Joyce Lombardi

Representatives of Native, Black and prisoner rights groups presented three tactics to combat police brutality at a panel hosted by Students Taking Action to Network against Discrimination (STAND) at Concordia.

## Self-help

**"We have to do for ourselves," said Garvin Taylor, member of Black student activist group AKAX. "The legal system has failed us. Cops don't play by the rules."**

### Code of ethics

Philips said a Committee of Ethics — made up of citizens, lawyers and police offi-

According to Dalzell, the Code was pro-

## by Jennifer Hill

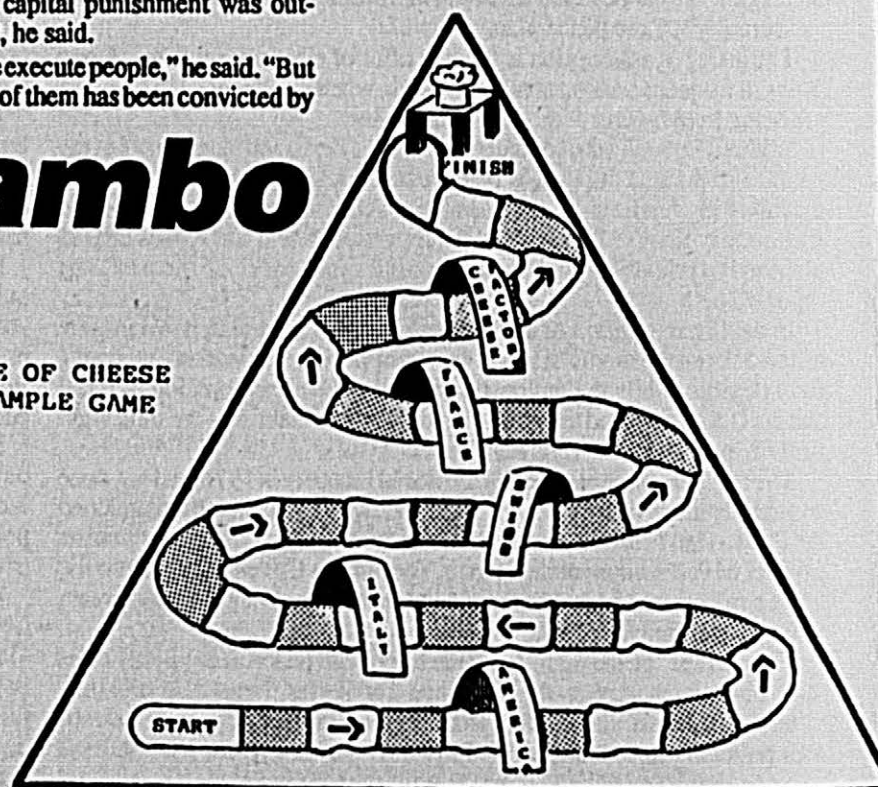
Labour unions, women's groups, church organizations, and school boards across Québec have been especially supportive, said

## Sound the horns

**"The police execute people," he said. "But so far, not one of them has been convicted by**

"Volunteers don't flock to our offices," he said. "This isn't exactly a popular cause."

**To help fight police brutality, call Black Coalition of Québec: 489-3830, AKAX: clo Black Students Network 398-6815, and the Prisoners' Rights Office: 522-5965.**



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**-Jennifer Hill**



# 124,000 claimants tangle year-old refugee law

## Woes at the Ministry of Immigration

*Canada's refugee law turned a year old last month. It was passed in a desperate attempt to clear a backlog of 113 000 refugee claimants jamming the refugee-determination system.*

*Now, the system is more jammed than before — 124 000 claimants, unable to work, are supported by provincial and federal welfare payments and health insurance. Many are held in prison-like detention centres.*

Allison Young

Refugee workers are outraged by Ottawa's approach to the refugee problem. The Canadian Council of Churches says Bill C-55, Canada's year-old refugee law, contravenes the Charter of Rights.

Critics of the legislation include government officials, who say the backlog can be reduced only by a total overhaul of Bill C-55. Little improvement was made to the law in an overhaul last winter by Minister of Immigration and Labour Barbara McDougall.

The law was originally planned to clear the backlog in two years, and to cost \$100 million — it's now projected to cost \$600 million and to take six years.

According to a report last week on CBC's *Sunday Morning* by reporter L. Parker, the year-old program has seen just over 4000 claimants of the 113 000-person backlog accumulated between May 1986 and January 1989, when C-55 was passed. Of these, only 121 were rejected.

"Meanwhile, a new backlog has developed," says Lorne Waldman, a Toronto immigration lawyer. "Resources from the new system are being used to clear the old backlog."

"They're just making people suffer for no reason and wasting taxpayers' dollars at the same time," says Parker.

"The only reason government is putting them through this is to discourage potential refugees from coming, and to send a message that Canada is in control of its refugee problem. Refugees are being made to pay for government incompetence."

But as the backlog mounts amid a bungling bureaucracy and an unrealistic law, Canadians are getting impatient with immigrants, not McDougall. Almost three-quarters of Canadians think the country is doing "more than it should" to help refugees. The CBC recently reported 60 per cent of Canadians oppose general amnesty for refugee claimants.

A poll in Friday's *Gazette* reported over 30 per cent of Canadians think Canadian society is threatened by immigrants.

### Step-by-step into a crisis

The Canadian Council of Churches says the new system has "life-threatening" implications for refugee claimants. About one-third come from Iran, El Salvador and Lebanon — known human rights violators.

Critics say the solution to the backlog is quicker investigation of refugee applicants, a wider definition of refugee status, and eased rules on letting in relatives of refugees.

Others say a simpler solution would be blanket amnesty for refugees from countries in turmoil, thereby cutting 30 000 to 50 000 people from the backlog.

Ottawa opposes a general amnesty, say-

ing it would cause a flood of claimants who are not genuine refugees.

But said Waldman, "The only solution is some kind of amnesty. Otherwise, the whole system will come crashing down."

Refugee determination under Bill C-55 is an arduous process of legal manoeuvring, hearings and appeals.

The first step is a claim for refugee status made at any Canadian port of entry. If a Canadian immigration officer decides humanitarian factors warrant special consideration, the claimant may immediately be granted refugee status. Very few claimants gain status in this way.

The second step is called the Credible Basis Test which employs a two-member panel to determine not whether a person is a genuine refugee, but only if a person *might* be a refugee. For example, people coming from a country which has a reputation as a human-rights violator might be refugees, according to Bill C-55.

Step two is when the government weeds out applicants with fraudulent claims, like those fleeing from economic hardship rather than political persecution.

The UN High Commission for Refugees recognizes refugees often can't use legal documents to leave their countries. Also, many people claiming refugee status are reluctant to tell their story to the first official they meet, especially if they are carrying false passports.

But in Canada, refugees who use false papers or don't report immediately to immigration officials are breaking the law and are held in detention centres until their cases are decided. About 25 per cent of claimants are detained in jail-like conditions, often for months.

Parker says the Credible Basis Test often takes several months to get through typically requiring five or six separate sessions. "This system is just not functioning," says Parker.

Other problems at this stage are incompetent adjudicators and inadequate documentation on refugees' countries of origin.

Critics have blistering comments for the Immigration Board's Documentation Centre, which provides profiles of conditions in refugees' native countries, questioning the competence and reliability of its workers.

A lack of interpreters has also plagued refugee determination. According to Waldman, at least half the interpreters in

Toronto are incompetent.

"It's an on-going and continuous problem. Three of the last four interpreters I had for Spanish claimants were incompetent," he said. "There's so much pressure to make the system work that interpreters are not properly screened or trained."

### Appeals are meaningless

If no "credible basis" is established, claimants are deported within 72 hours. Claimants have these 72 hours to appeal their cases.

But according to a worker at the Tyndale-St. Georges Community Centre, a refugee-aid organization funded by the Canadian Council of Churches, "it's impossible to get a lawyer, make a case and have it heard and decided in three days, especially if the claimant does not speak English. The reality is that this process is taking 2 to 6 months, at the minimum, to complete."

The new system has "no meaningful appeal system," she said.

"If someone is deported before their appeal, potential refugees will not be heard. In such a case, potential refugees will not be able to come back to Canada since they will be at home in prison."

To appeal, claimants must apply to a Federal Court judge — critics charge that the

### Tory toadies

The last step under Bill C-55 is a hearing before a two-member panel. Fifty panels operate across Canada. Claimants convincing one member of the panel that their claim is valid are granted refugee status.

Questions have arisen about the amount of patronage involved in the appointment of panel members — and its effect on their competence and political bias in deciding claims.

In determining refugee status, the panel must apply a 1951 UN definition of a refugee as "a person with a well-founded fear of persecution due to their race, religion, nationality, or membership in a particular social group."

Still, Bill C-55 permits immigration officials to arbitrarily deport "third-country claimants," like Salvadoreans entering Canada from the United States. Tory patronage has hired refugee workers who find that refugees from countries friendly to the U.S. are often not seriously considered as claimants.

Such discrimination for political reasons is rampant in the U.S. refugee system, where claimants from communist countries are typically accepted with little problem, while claimants from countries like Haiti and El Salvador are usually rejected.

Refugees have always been a fact of life. There are just more of them today because of improved mobility and the knowledge that there are countries which provide easy access to all refugees.

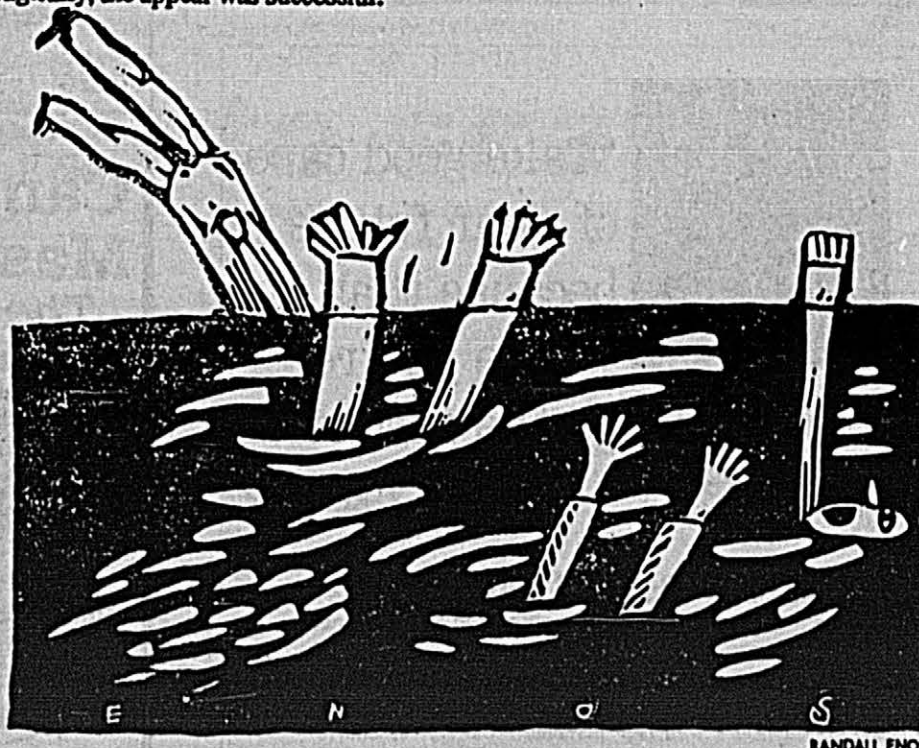
Canada used to be such a country, but as boatloads of Sikhs and Tamils arrived literally on our shores a reactionary backlash is calling for more stringent immigration policies. Unfortunately, politicians have pandered to this display of racism in a classic example of blame-the-victim. Because it is unworkable, Bill C-55 encourages this racism because it deflects the public's frustration away from the government and at refugees.

**At least half the government interpreters for claimants in Toronto are incompetent, according to one immigration lawyer.**

judges can only enforce questions of law, and not the actual merits of the refugee claim.

In some cases, the judge's leave to appeal comes only after the 72-hour period, after the person has already been deported. As a result, the Canadian Council of Churches says Bill C-55 contravenes the Canadian Charter of Rights.

The Tyndale-St. Georges worker noted at least one case of a claimant who was deported before the appeal came through. The claimant was jailed upon returning home. Tragically, the appeal was successful.



RANDALL ENOS



# CFL expansion: a dreamer's survey

by Timothy Long

TORONTO (CUP) — When I was a lad growing up in Exeter, Ontario, my week was basically divided in two parts. The first part, consisting of about six and a half days, was awful — an endless succession of school and chores.

But the second part... how to describe the second part, those four hours every Saturday afternoon when zigzag lightning would shoot through my brain, and my loins would fill — and I hope I'm not offending anyone here — with magic fluids?

Yes, the CFL game of the week was a real treat. It was truly a family event: my mother would spend all Saturday morning on our roof, adjusting our antenna so that our reception was just right, while my father slaved away in our kitchen/attic, preparing corn on the cob for pre-game snacking.

I can still see him descending the stairs, proudly carrying a garbage can full of that corn, and I can still hear my mother asking, "Earl, are you sure you should be carrying all that?" just before Dad collapsed under that can like a milk carton under your foot, and the bright yellow cobs came rolling down towards me like thousands of beautiful little stars.

Those days are gone. Mom and Dad are in Arizona now, and the CFL, I fear, is not long for this world. Nothing will get my parents back to Canada — the mini-golf in Tuscan is just too good — but there is one thing that will save our precious league: expansion. Not in Canada, though; expensive gov-

ernment polls have shown that our fair dominion has reached a point technically known as "football saturation."

But what of the United States? With only 28 teams, and a domestic population of something like 40 billion, surely our good neighbors could afford to absorb five or twelve CFL teams, and in the process return the league to its previous robust health.

Last Saturday night, at about 1:30 A.M., a few associates and I decided to test that proposition against the weight of popular sentiment. We phoned random Americans from coast to coast, and asked them, point-blank, if they wanted the CFL. The following represents selected excerpts from these conversations. I have fabricated nothing — nothing, that is, except one thing: the fellow in Portland was actually planning to get the hell out of that town and go to El Paso, Texas.

-Directory Assistance. What city?

-Hello. Are you in North Dakota? Yes? I'm calling from the Long Research Institute in Canada. Could I ask you some questions? Yes? Great. Are you aware that the CFL, the Canadian Football League, is planning to expand to Minot, North Dakota?

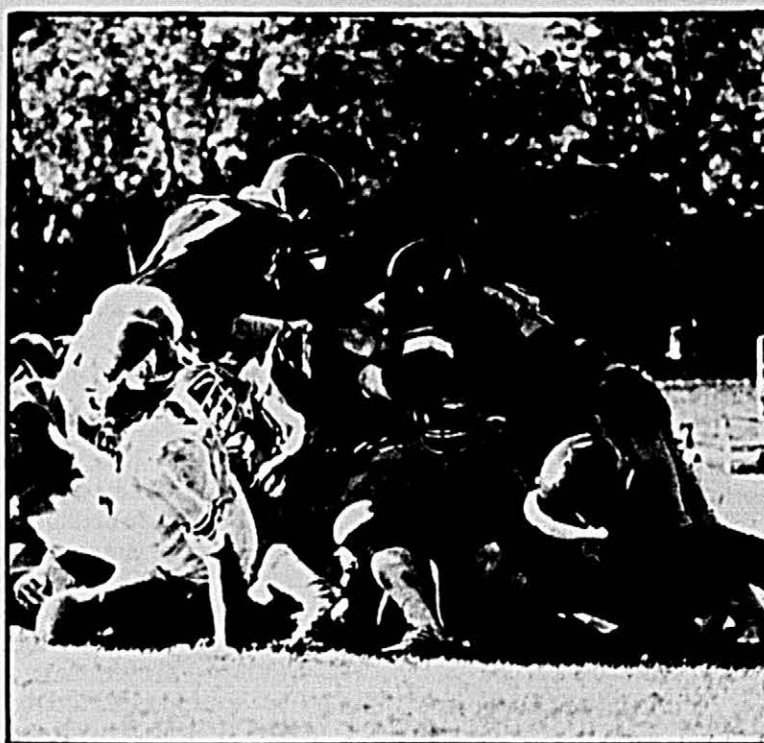
-I don't care what they do.

-What is your favorite CFL team?

-I don't know.

-Which do you prefer, the Saskatchewan Roughriders or the Ottawa Rough Riders?

-Saskatchewan.



-Ah, Saskatchewan. Is it because of Dave Ridgeway, their field goal kicker?

-Yeah, that's it.

-Ramada Inn, New Orleans.

-Hi. I'm calling from Long Research in Canada. May I ask you some football-related questions? Yes? Okay, thanks. Do you think it would be appropriate for the Canadian Football League to expand into New Orleans?

-Well there are barely enough fans around here to support the Saints. No, I don't think that's a good idea.

-Are you aware that one Canadian football player, Rocky DiPietro of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, makes thirty million dollars a year? Do you think that's excessive?

-I should think so.

-Would you be willing to have dinner with Rocky DiPietro?

-No, I don't think so.

-This is a hotel. Do you really want my opinion?

-Yes. My boss specifically told me to call the Red Roof Inn in Portland, Oregon and ask for you. Okay? Now, how do you feel about the proposed CFL expansion into your city?

-I'm really a poor choice. Next week I'm getting the hell out of this town and going to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

-Okay. Just one more question. Are you familiar with a Canadian superstar named Eliot Kolars?

-No.

-Last year he rushed for 3 000 yards. Do you think he deserves a shot at the NFL?

-Sounds like he should.

-We've heard rumours that the Los Angeles Rams are willing to pay him 50 million dollars to play

with them next year. Do you think that's excessive?

-I don't think anybody deserves 50 million dollars.

-You don't think so? He also kicks.

-Yeah, still...

-He kicked a 95-yard field goal this year.

-That's fine. I think athletes are paid too much money.

-He also does charity.

-What?

-He's president of the Canadian Cancer Society.


-I could care less. I just think athletes — I don't care if they're Canadian or American — get paid too much money.

So there you have it: a portrait of a great republic looking north for a sport to call its own. It all reminds me of a conversation I had with my Dad before leaving Exeter for university.

"Tim," he told me, "I have two predictions for you. First, I predict you will become a great writer, and will be able to tell me, in lots of fancy terms, why my life is unalloyed hell. Second, I predict the CFL will expand into the United States."

Will the league fulfill his final prophecy? Will it heed the will of millions of Americans, good people who voted for George Bush because they thought "a kinder, gentler nation" was code for "a nation where you only get three downs, and botched field goals are worth a point?" Will the McGill Daily reimburse me for the 100 dollars in long distance charges I incurred on behalf of the student press, and indeed the entire football-loving world?

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Provinces are also to blame for their construction of super freeways and the increases of weight limits carried on the highways, which means longer buses and larger and heavier trucks on the road. All this points to a lack of a cohesive national policy in an increasingly ecologically conscious society.

Once again, sincere congratulations to Wilson and Feldstein and condemnations to Mang.

David Seto  
M.Sc. I

## Students must pay

To the Daily:

The Québec government froze tuition fees twenty-two years ago to ensure that education would remain easily accessible to all Canadians. Considering that bus fare has gone from a nickel to a buck and a quarter, shouldn't inflation have altered our fees somewhat? It's ludicrous to expect McGill to continue to rank among

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the leading institutions in North America if tuition does not meet the increased cost of education over the past two decades.

Clearly, government should continue to subsidize education. However, by no means should the Canadian taxpayer pay the bulk of my education without any guarantee that one, I'm not wasting his/her money and two, that I won't work outside of Canada once I graduate (unless I'm willing to let the government dictate where I'll work and what job I'll have!)

We're fortunate enough to have an academic system in which we study for eight months and can work for four months. We should be focussing on the students who cannot work or make enough money during the summer and not the vast majority who can. Thus, we should concentrate on improving our loans and bursaries program and not on fighting our ridiculously low tuition fees.

What is the brilliant solution we have come up with? — Barricade the administration building. I guess we've forgotten that McGill Administration has been fighting for over a decade to reverse the downward spiral of underfunding. Barricade Ryan's office if you feel strongly about tuition and underfunding and not the administration who struggle to maintain high standards so that we graduate with a quality education and not just a cheap one.

Alex Johnston  
U1 History

*ed. note: A bit of historical education, Alex. The tuition freeze was not created to ensure schooling "remain" accessible to all. It wasn't universally accessible then, and isn't now (though the freeze has contributed to an improvement in that situation).*

*The freeze was instituted to move towards the eventual goal of free*

*and accessible post-secondary education. The Canadian and Québec governments later reaffirmed that commitment in ratifying the UN's 1976 International Treaty on Social, Cultural and Economic Rights.*

### Colombian embassy defends its gov't

To the Daily:

I wish to refer to the article, "Drug war hits Colombian [sic] activists," published February 5.

In the interview with Mr. Marco Polo Valencia, not only the name of my country is mistaken (which is not 'Columbia'), but also historical data, as the date of initiation of the alternation in power of the principal political parties, which is not 1940 but 1957 and is not in our Constitution as affirmed by Mr. Valencia.

These and other mistakes show a blatant ignorance of Colombia's reality and an intention to do political propaganda, not in the name of a social movement but in favour of a guerilla group. The heroic struggle of the Colombian people and its government against international drug trafficking, recognized all over the world, is ignored in the article, and baseless accusations are made trying to justify the assault by the M-19 on the Palace of Justice, which cost so many lives and violations of human rights.

This is not the time to analyze the connections between narco-trafficking and guerillas, nor to examine the violence the latter have generated, as clearly exposed in the government reports in reply to those of Amnesty International. Nevertheless, I must mention the government's initiative to conclude peace agreements with armed groups like the M-19, whose leaders will be candidates in the upcoming elections in March.

This will to foster and widen democracy within the frame of Law contrasts with the intentions of some groups to attain power through violence and armed struggle, against the will of the enormous majority of the Colombian people, to establish dictatorships whose collapse has been the most significant event of the past decade.

Santiago Keyes-Borda  
Minister Counsellor  
Embassy of Colombia,  
Ottawa

### Heterosexism=death

To the Daily:

Re: the Lesbian and Gay Issue (Feb. 13)...

As I was saying, that heterosexism is necessarily homophobic is evidenced by the fact that the straight media belatedly dates the AIDS crisis to the mid-80s, when the word AIDS and visible heterosexuals were combined on the same cover of LIFE and other magazines, and AIDS itself was perceived as having seeped into the "general population."

To become straight-acting members of this exclusive population is the message behind Marshall Kirk's and Hunter Madsen's book, *After the Ball: How America Will Conquer Its Fear and Hatred of Gays in the 90s*. Among other things, the authors offer a "Self-Policing Social Code — Rules for Relations with Straights."

There really are so many perverse ways of going back into the closet, the only place we are guaranteed any safety if we would but keep quiet.

"Heterosexism silences" — indeed.

Robert Strazds  
MA 2, Russian & Slavic  
Studies

### 'Managing' the diseased for fun and profit

To the Daily:

The recent Management carnival sponsored a "Scavenger Hunt," which asked participants to collect,

amongst other items, "a wino." Are the members of the carnival committee who organized this activity completely lacking in empathy and compassion? It is both disgusting and disturbing that legions of eager participants flocked into the streets to coax homeless alcoholics back to the Bronfman building merely to gain carnival points.

Alcoholism is a medically recognized illness with devastating consequences. It ruins relationships, tears apart families, and destroys individuals' integrity and self-esteem. Many alcoholics end up destitute and alone; some have nowhere to turn but to the streets. They are people, not objects to be collected for the amusement of others. Their disease is not trivial and their plight is not a joke. That some of the participants tempted these poor individuals with alcohol demonstrates a blatant ignorance and disregard for this unfortunate social affliction.

The Management carnival did offer some positive social gestures. The fund-raising "Cancer Auction" was a well-intentioned event. Unfortunately, the dubious acts of some will reflect badly on those students who chose not to participate in the activity and upon the McGill community. Perhaps as a gesture of redress, next year's carnival committee might consider forwarding a portion of its carnival funds to a homeless shelter or even organizing an alcohol awareness seminar. Hopefully those who participated in this shameful exercise will come to recognize its exploitive and inhumane nature, and such an incident will not occur in the future.

Leslie Pitts  
Med II

### Assembly required, batteries not included

To the Daily:

The defeat of the resolution proposed on Wednesday, 7 Feb., is closely related to the poor organization of the General Assembly.

The proposed resolution called for the solidarity of the McGill student body with other universities in Québec by joining a

province-wide strike against the planned tuition fee hike. This resolution was defeated amidst an atmosphere of great confusion.

The Students' Society must be reproached for its inability to properly explain the rules of procedure at the General Assembly. The complexity of the Assembly's modes of action were little understood by the students present, nor were they completely grasped by the chairperson, Joanna Wedge.

I do not wish to belittle the ardent attempts made by the chairperson to maintain order and to direct the General Assembly in a constructive manner; however, had the Chairperson given an explanation of procedures at the beginning of the discussion, much frustration could have been avoided. Confusion could further have been reduced by distributing a brief written explanation of rules to all present.

The atmosphere at the General Assembly was more conducive to bickering than to constructive discussion. Hence, commonly voiced concerns, such as the fear of missing valuable classes by being barred from classrooms, were not successfully quelled.

The defeat of the resolution not only distances McGill from l'Association Nationale des Étudiants et Étudiantes du Québec and la Fédération des Étudiants et Étudiantes du Québec — a board which SSMU has spent great effort attempting to join. More dangerously, it reinforces the stereotype of McGill being an aloof institution, a haughty university with rich, anglophone students who have no concerns for local politics, nor for solidarity at the level of post-secondary education.

Students' Society has two choices for future General Assemblies: either to explain all rules of action in full or to devise a more simple, comprehensible set of procedures.

Steven Rourke  
Arts U1



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budget.

Besides Wilson's budget, the Mulroney government is continuing slashes announced in 1986 of \$7 billion over 10 years in university research spending. Begley estimated post-graduate studies will suffer the greatest impact of the cuts.

Begley said he wasn't surprised by the reductions. "It's continuing along the same lines the Mulroney government has been going since 1984. It's just a continuation of the neo-liberal ideology."

A recently announced three per cent tax on Canada Student Loans and a \$41 million cut in federal summer job-creation programs this year also follow this trend.

"Mulroney says we can't burden our youth with the debt so we'll just cut education. But soon we won't be burdening our youth with an education either," said Begley.

Critics said it is hypocritical for the Mulroney government to announce last November the creation of a national task force that will examine problems in education and yet make the transfer cuts.

Fox said there's no chance the quality of education will improve with Ottawa's current spending priorities, including their continued military spending. Both Begley and Fox urged students to oppose the government's actions.

"Students have to make sure the debate doesn't just stay at the student level. This doesn't concern just students because education is the first step. Health is next. This should be a large social debate that everybody gets involved with," said Begley.

Fox suggested people write to Finance Minister Wilson's office or to their member of parliament. He said student groups should work together with the Canadian Federation of Students to fight the federal government.

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act."

"I don't want to take responsibility for those students who may be expelled," Manna said.

Post-Graduate Students' Society president Lee Iverson said supporting the barricade "would put the Society's reputation in jeopardy."

The barricade was to force the Administration to reconsider their decision to increase tuition fees and to sensitize students on restrictions to university accessibility.

CAPE member Paula Gunn said the administration put Society members "in a bad position."

## ... Santo scared

"The Society could have stood up to the administration and said 'we will carry through our mandate,' but they were threatened with expulsion, so I can't blame them," she said.

Instead of the blockade, Students' Society will hold a 'Freeze-for-All' protest. Other colleges and universities — including Concordia and l'Université du Québec à Rimouski — will be holding a general strike starting tomorrow.

The McGill Board of Governors voted to raise tuition fees by \$350 next year and by an optional 10

per cent at their last meeting held during the reading-week break, despite attempts by McGill students to disrupt the meeting and occupy the boardroom.

Three years ago, banner-waving members of the group 'The Little Red Wagon' occupied Dean of Graduate Studies and Research Gordon MacLachlan's office to protest Fuel-Air Explosives research at McGill. The protestors — who were not McGill students — were arrested for trespassing on the fifth day of their occupation after the Administration called the police.



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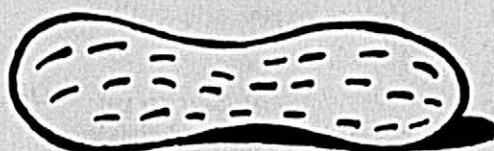
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## 374 - PERSONALS

Frosty says...

"Hit 'em where it hurts. Cheat on your taxes."



A lovely red box for your complaints and suggestions. McLennan Lobby Mon thru Thurs 10:45 p.m. Give us feedback and we'll give you better service. WALK-SAFE NETWORK. McL. Lobby Mon - Thurs 10:45 p.m.

Mid-Terms from Hell + slush on your boots + nonexistent spring break funds + Star Trek reruns = a less than pleasant Valentines Day. Nightline 398-6246, 6pm - 3am. nightly. (We live for this stuff)

AMIGA. Amiga club forming at McGill! Interested? Want info? Leave message for Robert at 731-4369 (before 22:30). Or if you want, send Email to 8608094@Em11. Lan. McGill.ca

Bring your camera and try your hand at nude glamour photography. For information call 845-1018 after 6 p.m.

Ooga Bables! If you are an old (or young) friend of Julia or Alex, be in Gert's Friday at 2:00 p.m. Dress Sharp.

Happy Birthday Sheel! Meet me in Gert's at 6:30. I'll be the one in the hat. Love, Ma.

Friday March 2. Parry Morrison (Westmount Baptist) Shares on the topic of Prayer: "Does Prayer Work?" 19h30 Presbyterian College. McGill Christian Fellowship.

AAARGH! TAX TIME! Let the McGill Tax Clinic do your forms Free of Charge. Bring your forms to the Samuel Bronfman Lobby between March 5th and 8th from 10:30 - 3:00. They will be returned at a later date FREE OF CHARGE.

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Leebian/Gaye studies group meets Thursdays, discussion group meets Fridays, both at Yellow Door (3625 Aylmer) 17h00. Info 597-0363 (Bill).

Animals Rights Day Wednesday, February 28, 10 - 4:30. Main floor, Student Union. Info, books, T-Shirts and a raffle of cruelty-free beauty products. Groups from across Montreal will be represented. META 276-0914.

The McGill Journal of Russian and Slavic Studies is looking for submissions. The deadline is March 1st. Drop off submissions in Bronfman Rm. 663.

Red and White Ball promises to be a night of serious fun and entertainment. Tickets at Sadies \$38/person.

St. Martha's meets every Sunday 10:30 am, 3521 University. Coming Up: Jefferson's 'Jesus of Nazareth' in 4 segments, starting March 4th. Pot luck brunch. Info: 398-4104, Roberta Clare.

Poster Children Awareness Week (Feb. 28 - March 7, 1990). Display & Information Videos, posters & Artwork (10:00 - 16:00) and Hotdog or Grilled Cheese Sale (11:00 - 14:00). McConnell Engineering Common Room. Feb. 28 & March 1 & 2, 1990.

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